



City of Albuquerque

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE SIXTEENTH COUNCIL

**Establishing a Legislative Policy for the City of Albuquerque for the 2006
Legislative Session of the New Mexico Legislature (O'Malley)**

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FOR THE 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
ALBUQUERQUE:**

**Section 1. That the legislative policy for the 2006 session of the New Mexico
Legislature is hereby approved and adopted as follows:**

**(A) CAPITAL PROJECTS. The City of Albuquerque supports the
following capital outlay projects and requests funding from the New Mexico
State Legislature for these projects:**

**(1) Capital funding for local mass transit and funding to provide a
local match in order to develop light rail and other rapid transit options;**

**(2) Capital funding for open space and joint use recreational land in
order to expand the escarpment area of the Petroglyph National Monument, to
buffer the Monument from Paseo del Norte, to connect the National Monument
on the south to the North Geologic Window, to purchase parcels land-locked by
the planned design treatment of the Upper Fork of the Boca Negra Arroyo, and
other uses as contained in the Volcano Heights Concept Plan in the requested
amount of \$5 million dollars. This funding request shall become part of the City**

Council's and the Mayor's specific funding requests to the 2006 State Legislature.

(3) Funding for City streets and roads in a manner that supplements and supports the City's adopted Capital Improvement Program and established priorities for streets and roads, including funding for urban forestry initiatives and landscaping for interstate medians and interchanges and for city-wide median improvements; and

(4) Funding for construction of and improvements to cultural and community facilities.

(B) REVENUE MEASURES.

(1) The City expresses its concern that recent and continuing erosion of local government taxing authority and the gross receipts tax base by the Legislature negatively impacts the ability of municipalities to adequately address future local revenue operating needs;

(2) The City of Albuquerque supports the examination of alternatives to enhance the revenue stream or create diversity to stabilize municipal revenue sources;

(3) The City opposes changes relative to local franchise fees and franchises, which would have the effect of lowering municipal revenues or lessening control over municipal rights of ways; and

(4) The City supports changes to existing state statutes that would provide the flexibility to allow property tax revenues allocated to capital debt service to be used to purchase needed capital items on a cash basis.

(C) TRANSIT. The City of Albuquerque encourages the Legislature to provide operating support for local mass transit, light rail and other rapid transit options.

(D) ENVIRONMENT. The City of Albuquerque:

(1) encourages the Legislature to allow for the expansion of a metropolitan air quality board/authority including the surrounding communities;

(2) encourages the earmarking of the existing oil and gas conservation tax for clean energy and land and wildlife conservation; and

(3) supports legislative amendments to authorize municipalities to require notice requirements regarding the use of pesticides.

(E) **ADMINISTRATION.** The City of Albuquerque supports:

(1) the policy statements and resolutions of the New Mexico Municipal League; and

(2) the maintenance of effort funding request included in the Statewide Aging Network Area Plan.

(F) **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.** The City of Albuquerque supports the use of Industrial Revenue Bonds, Workforce Development funding, Film Industry Workforce training, Quicksites development, infrastructure improvement funding matches for local economic development projects, Mainstreet programs, local entrepreneurship, and the establishment of incubators to promote job growth and technology transfer. The City supports:

(1) State funding of the Albuquerque Tricentennial as a means of increasing local and regional tourism;

(2) funding for acquisition of properties in targeted areas to remove blighted structures to stimulate redevelopment of the area;

(3) comprehensive legislation to eliminate abusive predatory lending practices, including payday, car title and mortgage loans;

(4) continued streamlining of the Industrial Revenue Bond process to make it more accessible to local and small business;

(5) legislative efforts to control or reduce the spiraling costs of Workers Compensation coverage; and

(6) continuing recruitment of the film industry.

(G) **CHILDREN AND YOUTH.** The City of Albuquerque encourages:

(1) amendment of the Children's Code to allow for the establishment of curfews at the local level; and

(2) expansion of Medicaid or SCHIP coverage to a higher

percentage of the federal poverty level than the present coverage.

(H) EDUCATION. The City of Albuquerque:

(1) supports adequate and equitable funding for Albuquerque public schools, alternative schools for at-risk children, charter schools and institutions of higher education;

(2) encourages the Legislature to require that local school districts enter into partnerships with local governments to better utilize all public facilities for recreation and community use;

(3) encourages making capital funding available to charter schools; and

(4) supports legislation granting the City the authority to charter schools.

(I) HEALTH CARE. The City of Albuquerque:

(1) supports increased funding for alcohol and drug treatment services;

(2) encourages the Legislature to revise the mental and behavioral health codes to improve services and funding; and

(3) supports smoking restriction legislation that would protect citizens throughout the State from the effects of secondhand smoke.

(J) LAND USE. The City of Albuquerque supports:

(1) an amendment of State statute to grant condemnation power to the State to allow the condemnation of lands within the Rio Grande State Park for park and open space purposes; and

(2) an amendment of State statute to allow the collection of impact fees for public schools and libraries, and the ability of municipalities to adopt their own impact fee ordinances without pre-emption of those powers by the State.

(K) PUBLIC SAFETY. The City of Albuquerque supports:

(1) the adoption of legislation that would define routine traffic violations including, but not limited to, speeding as civil traffic violations and

would allow municipalities to receive an allocation of traffic fines established by ordinance in excess of those established in state statute;

(2) the work of the Domestic Violence Task Force and other efforts to reduce threats to women, children and families;

(3) adequate funding for the Department of Corrections to compensate local jails for the cost of holding parole violators;

(4) legislative provision of sentencing alternatives to allow more effective local control of jail populations;

(5) continued strengthening of provisions to inhibit driving while impaired; and

(6) a memorial to study issues and potential solutions related to the increasing prevalence of identity theft in New Mexico.

(L) GENERAL. The City supports amendments to the State Constitution and statutes to authorize municipalities to adopt a civil fine system for ordinance violations.

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